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DEATH.

On the 11th February, at Calcutta, COOVERJEE
ROMANKE GUARD, partner of the late firm of
Novroje & Co., of Hongkong. (By wire.) [515]The Daily Press.
HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DESVIEUX ROAD, C.
LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.
HONGKONG, 13th February, 1903.At various periods in the past we have
referred to the experiences of different
Eastern cities in the matter of plague, and
the subject is one which must always be of
interest here until the disease is thoroughly
stamped out. The most recent plague
report issued is that of the Health Officer
of Calcutta, Major DEANE. Calcutta must
be allowed to be a favourable spot for the
study of plague, seeing that in the course
of thirteen months ending last June no
fewer than 7,000 died there of the disease
or of what was commonly supposed to be
that disease. Major DEANE's report is
particularly interesting in that it differs in
many points from a great number of plague
specialists. He takes as his motto a
Babbinian quotation: "Learn to say: I do
not know," and proceeds to reject some of
the favourite theories with regard to plague.
He protests against the attribution by the
laity to the medical profession of a greater
knowledge of the plague bacillus than the
profession actually possesses. "They seem
to think, to speak unconventionally, that
we can see Mr. and Mrs. Bacillus with a
large family in attendance walking about."
Now the Calcutta Health Officer confesses
that nothing is known about the origin of
plague. It is not contagious, but is chiefly
air-borne and spread by dust. The rat
theory of the conveyance of plague receives
no support from Major DEANE. Where
there are rats and plague, he allows, rats
die of plague, but when there are no
rats plague spreads. They are, in his
opinion, an unimportant means of spreading
the disease; but his assistants in the
compilation of the report disagree with him

here, it is to be noted, inclining to the view
(which is strongly borne out by the Hong-
kong evidence) that rats play a large part
in a plague epidemic. With regard to the
question of inoculation as a preventive of
plague, a means of combating the scourge
which we are apt to look on as peculiarly
Indian, it appears that, in the year under
discussion only forty people were inoculated
in Calcutta. This is curious when we
consider the great inoculation scheme
inaugurated at the end of last year in the
Punjab; and the diversity of opinion shown
in two parts of India is a little perplexing.
It is plain from the Calcutta report that
prophylactic and serum treatment receives
no favour from the medical authorities
there. In the fight against plague the
main reliance, according to Calcutta's
experience, is to be placed on disinfection
and in the demolition of insanitary buildings.
It is satisfactory to us in Hongkong to
know that we are already adopting these
methods, practically to the exclusion of all
others. We have not done so, of course,
without partial recourse to other plans, nor
should we have done rightly had we done
so. But now that we have elected to put
our faith mainly in disinfection and demo-
lition it is gratifying to see that the chief
town of India endorses our action. It is
possible that, as we all devoutly hope, we
shall be spared a plague epidemic this year;
nevertheless we should be encouraged to
persevere in the policy of disinfection and
demolition. The latter part of the pro-
gramme, in view of the comparatively
enormous amount of insanitary property in
the city, must necessarily be slow, in spite
of the passage of the Public Health and
Buildings Ordinance. But the Govern-
ment has the more reason to press on the
work in that the experience of a far larger
place confirms the utility, or rather the
necessity, of its line of policy. Some of
our Indian contemporaries are wont to
sneer at Hongkong's concern over plague,
comparing the Indian figures with ours.
We venture, however, to say that plague pro-
duces relatively more damage to this Colony's
progress than to the prosperity of the
Indian cities, owing to our peculiar position
as a junction between so many parts of the
world. At any rate we should use the
experience of India in the matter of plague
to the utmost extent, and all reports of the
great cities of the Dependency have this
a peculiar value for us.

Although the Sanitary Board plague re-
turns are issued daily now, no cases have been
reported since noon on Monday.

The Janet Waldorf Company completed
their season at the Lyceum Theatre, Shanghai,
on the 7th inst.

Viceroy Chang Chih-tung is to visit Shang-
hai after finishing his inspection of the
Kiangyin and Woosung forts.

The U.S. army transport *Burnside* has
arrived at Shanghai from Manila, and is berth-
ed alongside the Old Dock preparatory to
undergoing an extensive overhaul there.

By kind permission of Major Radcliffe and
Officers the band of the 33rd Burma Infantry
will play the following programme of music in
the King Edward Hotel today, during dinner,
from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.:—
March. "The Scout" Ra. R.
Overture "Semiramide" Rossini
Selection "The Messenger Boy" Ivan Caryll
Polka "En Chasse" Fauré
Selection "The Grand Mogul" Adrián
Valse "Les Baisers" Margi
ETCRA.
Serenata. "Love in Idleness" Macbeth
"God Save the King."

The Shanghai *Mercury* translates from the
Universal Gazette the statement that Prince Pu
Lu is known as reformer. He has a smattering
knowledge of science and is fond of furnishing
his house with foreign furniture. Lately
the Prince has been appointed commissioner to
the St. Louis Exhibition, but the real object
of his appointment is because the Empress
Dowager wishes him to make a visit at the
same time to Singapore, Penang, and other
southern settlements where there are many
Chinese, ostensibly for the purpose of studying
the commercial condition of the Chinese in
those places, but his real object is to get
acquainted with them and to influence them to
abolish Kang Yu-wei's Society.

Residents in the Far East will be astonished
to hear that charges of extortion and negligence
have been preferred against the well-known and
popular U.S. Consul-General at Shanghai by
certain parties. We read in the *San Francisco
Chronicle*:—The charges made against Consul-
General Goodnow of Shanghai probably grow
out of political animus. When Goodnow was
first mentioned for this consulate in 1871 his
old enemy, former United States Senator Wash-
burn of Minnesota, used all his influence to
prevent Goodnow's confirmation. The secret
of this hostility lies in the fact that Goodnow
had helped Knute Nelson to gain the Senator-
ship from Minnesota over Washburn. Good-
now received the entire vote of the Senate
committee on his confirmation, but Washburn
and his friends pursued him for several years.
During the Boxer trouble Goodnow became
the sole medium of exchange of news with the
State Department, and he showed so much good
sense and mastery of the political situation in
China that the present charges will have to be
very serious to affect his position.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 10th February.

THE STRAITS CURRENCY.

The Standard says that there seems but
little doubt how the Straits Currency Commis-
sion will report, and it is believed that the
Straits Settlements will shortly adopt a
currency analogous to that of India.

OBITUARY.

The death is reported of "Edna Lyall"
(Adelaide Bayly), the authoress.

THE SOCIETY ISLANDS DISASTER.

Eight whites were drowned in the recent
disaster at the Society Islands. Two French
and one Italian war ships have left Papeete to
render assistance.

THE UNITED STATES—ANTI-TRUST

BILL.

An attempt by Mr. Rockefeller (Standard
Oil Co.) to influence individual Senators against
anti-Trust legislation has caused a profound
sensation, and it is believed it will greatly
promote the speedy passing of the law.

OBITUARY.

The death is announced of Sir Gavan Duffy
(Duffy).

THE DREYFUS AFFAIR.

The French War Minister has forbidden all
officers employed in the War Office to make any
sort of communication regarding the discussion
in the Press of the Dreyfus affair.

THE NEAR EAST.

The Standard's Vienna correspondent says
that the Macedonian element is so powerful that
preparations for a great rising are proceeding
quite openly.

LONDON, 10th February.

ITALY AND THE SOMALILAND
EXPEDITION.

Signor Bacelli, speaking in the Italian
Chamber, said that the deportation of the
Sheikh of Obbia was necessary to facilitate the
British operations. The fact that Italy had
loyally adhered to his agreement again proved
their desire to maintain the traditional friendship
of Great Britain and Italy.

SENTENCE ON AN ANARCHIST.

Rubino, the assailant of the King of the
Belgians, has been sentenced to penal servitude
for life.

MARCONI TELEGRAPHY.

Reuter's telegrams conveying the latest
news have been successfully transmitted on
board the Transatlantic liner *Minneapolis*
thirty-six hours before the landing of her
passengers. This probably inaugurates a
regular system.

POLLARD'S LILLIPUTIAN CO.

The Lilliputians gave a repetition of *A Gaiety
Girl* at the City Hall last evening, when the
theatre was again filled. All the parts were
well sustained, and met with well-earned applause
from a delighted audience. The comedy will
be staged for the last time this evening.

FOOTBALL.

The football Shield tie between G. Co., Sher-
wood Foresters, and H.M.S. *Argonaut* is down
for decision to-day at 4 p.m. on the H.K.F.C.
ground, Happy Valley. The Foresters, it will
be remembered, might have claimed the tie by
default, the *Argonaut* returning to Hongkong
after the expiration of the time limit for the
first round; but they generously refused to
do so.

AESTHETIC AND SIMPLE.

There is hope for everyone who is dissatisfied
with the shape of his nose. If Nature has
failed to do her duty by that feature, art will
step in to make good her shortcomings with a
hypodermic syringe and a pot of paraffin wax.
The treatment "not only produces" as Dr.
St. Clair Thomson assures us in last month's
Practitioner "an aesthetic result equal to
that of any other method, but promises to be
so simple and free from risk that its employment
will become general." The operation is almost
painless. The surgeon injects under the skin
a teaspoonful or so of melted wax, and then,
before the fluid cools, moulds it with his fingers
into the desired shape. Unfortunately the wax
solidifies in a few seconds, and it is conceivable
that a nervous or clumsy artist might be
unable in the time to achieve the "aesthetic
result" desired. He might even muddle his
material into such a coarse bullocky mass as to
render the unhappy patient liable to arrest
under the new Licensing Act. Dr. Thomson
mentions a case in which, as the result of
careless manipulation, a small nodule of wax
"wandered into the upper eyelid" and stayed
there. He says nothing of the after-care of the
nose, but it is obvious that an ornament which
has a melting point of a hundred and fifteen
degrees Fahrenheit must not be held too closely
to the fire nor carried into a Turkish bath. It
would be equally painful to the owner and
surprising to his friends if his nose were to
"wander" to his cheek-bone, or descend into
the folds of a double chin.

The SPRING STAKES; value \$400; second
to receive \$150; and third \$50; for China
griffins; weight for inches as per scale;
previous winners of one race 5 lbs. extra
of two races 7 lbs. extra; of three races
10 lbs. extra. Entrants \$10. From the two
mile post, once round and in.

Mr. Buxey's Winter Rose, 10st 9lbs ...

(Mr. Cox) 1

Mr. Tremearne's Flickamaroo, 10st 12lbs ...

(Mr. Master) 2

Mr. Hart Buck's Silver Fox, 10st 12lbs ...

(Mr. Willmunt) 3

Mr. J. H. Lewis's Chiman, 11st 1lb* ...

(Mr. Armstrong) 0

Hon. R. Shaw's Ibis, 10st 6lbs ...

(Mr. Britton) 0

Mr. C. H. Ross's Ben-y-Glee, 11st 3lbs ...

(Mr. Johnstone) 0

* 2lbs over. + 5lbs over.

Eight ran. From a fine start, Ben-y-Glee
secured a slight lead, and headed the field as the
Stand was passed, followed by Starling, Joker and
Flickamaroo, the favourite. Ben-y-Glee showed
the same order throughout and passing the post
first, second and third respectively. Time,
3 mins. 231 secs.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB
RACE MEETING.

THIRD DAY.

The Race Meeting was favoured with excellent
weather yesterday. The third day has always
been looked upon as the ladies' day and this
year was no exception to the traditional
rule, for the ladies of Hongkong turned out
in large numbers and to the ever attractive
ensemble presented by the Races crowd were
added the charms that bright feminine dresses
and pretty faces impart. H.E. the Governor
and H.E. General Gascoigne were again present,
and the general crowd of spectators was quite
as numerous, if not more so, as on the two
previous days. A combined naval band played
musical selections during intervals; their
rendering of the National Anthem was rather
premature, however, and was not calculated to
promote a good start in the last race, the
Promote for which were then facing the starter.

Sport, on the whole, was good. Flickamaroo
was largely fancied for the first event, the
Spring Stakes, but sustained defeat by Winter
Rose with Mr. Hart Buck's Silver Fox third.
Chisan won the Grand Stand Stakes, showing
very fine form, while Legacy annexed second
honours and the Pirate third. Rare Rose and
Algerine were the only entrants for Mr. Bell-
Irving's Challenge Cup which Rare Rose
secured after an uninteresting race, never
footing, and the Pirate was unable for the task,
and was beaten by a little over a length. Time,
3mins. 52secs.

Mr. Wingard's Alpine, 11st 1lb

(Mr. Willmunt) 2

A level start, and both ran stride for stride
till the Black Rock was neared for the second
time, when Rare Rose, going up the hill, led
Algerine by a length. Whipping up his pony,
Mr. Willmunt did his best to get on even
footing, but Algerine was unable for the task,
and was beaten by a little over a length. Time,
3mins. 52secs.

The GRAND STAND STAKES; value \$750;
second to receive \$250; and third \$100; for
Hongkong water griffins; weight for inches
as per scale; winner of the Derby 10 lbs.
extra; of the Maiden Stakes 7 lbs. extra; of
any other race with the exception of the
Encouragement or Racine Stakes 5 lbs. extra;
penalties accumulative; non-winners allowed
5 lbs. Entrants \$10. One mile and a quarter.
Mr. Hunter's Chisan, 11st 1lb* ...

(Mr. Burkhill) 1

Mr. Morgan Phillips's Legacy, 11st 2lbs ...

(Mr. Master) 2

Mr. Hart Buck's The Pirate, 10st 7lbs ...

(Mr. Willmunt) 3

Mr. Christie's Tyro, 11st 3lbs ...

(Mr. Johnstone) 0

The start was a poor one, Chisan getting in
front with the others in a bunch. The Pirate
drew second; Tyro took third place and Legacy
the fourth. When the post was passed for
the first time Legacy had changed positions
with Tyro, Chisan continued in the lead
going round the track stretch. Then Legacy
was sent forward, and, passing The Pirate
coming round the bend, she came up on the
outside and made a bid for first place, but
her challenge was staved off and Chisan won a
splendid race by a length. The Pirate was a
poor third. Time, 2mins. 231 secs.

The PARSEE CUP: presented; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winners of one race at this Meeting 5 lbs. extra; of two or more races 7 lbs. extra; unplaced ponies allowed 5 lbs. China griffins allowed 10 lbs.; subscription griffins of Foochow 1902 and Amoy 1903 Meetings allowed 5 lbs; entrance 50c; one mile.

Mr. G. H. Potts's Rebel King, 1st 11bs... (Mr. Willemeier) 1
Mr. G. H. Potts's Desert King, 1st 10bs... (Mr. Burkhill) 2
Mr. F. J. Marshall's Diegust, 1st 9bs... (Mr. Crighton) 3
Messrs. A. P. Simpson and White's Style, 10st 11bs... (Mr. Moller) 0
Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's Snowdrop, 1st 7bs... (Mr. Clarke) 0
2 lbs over

Mr. Potts declared to win with Rebel King. The horses got away to a good start. Mr. Potts's two ponies took up the running and Desert King set a spanking pace for his stable companion. As the Grand Stand was passed for the first time the two Kings held first and second places. Diegust third place; Snowdrop fourth and Style fifth. This order was maintained until the field got round opposite the Football Club's stand, at which point Snowdrop was urged onwards and made a try for the lead. Diegust fell into fourth place, but Snowdrop failed to distance the leaders and Diegust shot ahead again into third place and also made a gallant effort to get ahead of the Kings. This attempt was unsuccessful and Desert King romped up the straight in fine style with Rebel King a length behind. Desert King slowed down on approaching the winding post and allowed Rebel King to win by half a length. Diegust a good third. Time, 2 mins. 11 secs.

The PHARAOH STAKES: a sweepstakes of \$10; each with \$300 added; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for Hongkong water griffins; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners barred; three quarters of a mile.

Mr. E. H. Hinds's Squab, 1stst... (Mr. Crighton) 1
Major-General Gaseigne's Clare, 1st 10bs... (Mr. Crighton) 2
Mr. Hart Buck's The Pirate, 1st 12bs... (Mr. Willemeier) 3
Messrs. Clarke and Pontifex's Brigadier, * 1st 7bs... (Mr. MacMillan) 0
Mr. Kingston's Thief, 10st 8bs... (Mr. Brutton) 0
Lieut.-Col. Hughes's Prince Charming, 10st 12bs... (Mr. Moller) 0
Mr. Buxey's Winning Rose, 1st 10bs... (Mr. Cox) 0
Mr. Pontifex's Mabelle, 1st 6bs... (Mr. Pontifex) 0
Lieut.-Col. Hughes's Princess Charming, 1st 10bs... (Mr. Master) 0
Hon. F. H. May's Mirabel, 1stst... (Mr. Glegg) 0
Mr. Hart Buck's Wallflower, 10st... (Mr. Clarke) 0
Mr. Christie's Tyro, 1st 8bs... (Mr. Johnston) 0
Mr. R. K. Leigh's Will o' the Wisp, 10st... (Mr. Mackie) 0
* 3 lbs over.

Thirteen ran. Two false starts were made, and when the field got away it did so raggedly. Squab took the lead and kept it splendidly all the way round, winning by about a length and a half. Time, 1min. 27.2 secs.

The CHINA PONY CHAMPION STAKES: with \$750 added; a forced entry for all winners at this Meeting; entrance for winners of one race \$80; of two races \$30; of three or more races \$50; second to receive \$250; and third \$100. Weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. G. H. Potts's Pandur, 10st 12bs... (Mr. Burkhill) 1
Mr. G. H. Potts's Rebel King, 1st 10bs... (Mr. Moller) 2
Mr. Buxey's Rare Rose, 12st 12bs... (Mr. Cox) 3
Mr. Wingard's Algerine 1st 10bs... (Mr. Willemeier) 0

Algerine jumped ahead at the start, followed by Rare Rose and Mr. Potts's representatives bringing up the rear. All the ponies went easily for the first half mile, keeping in the order named above. It was not until the Black Rock was reached that a change occurred in the position of the field. Pandur then forged ahead, followed by Rebel King, who came up more slowly but succeeded in getting into second place. Coming up the straight, the race resolved itself into one between Mr. Potts's two horses. Rebel King showed himself full of running but was unable to draw level with Pandur, who beat him by a head. Rare Rose made a gallant fight for third position and got placed on the post, about two lengths behind Rebel King. Time, 2 mins. 42 secs.

The WALES CHAMPION STAKES: with \$750 added; a forced entry for all winners at this Meeting; entrance for winners of one race \$80; of two races \$30; of three or more races \$50; second to receive \$250; and third \$100; weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Master's Ichibian, 12st... (Mr. Cox) 1
Mr. Master's Remnant, 10st 8bs... (Mr. Burkhill) 2
Mr. Carruthers's Runaway Girl, 11st 8bs... (Mr. Crighton) 3
Mr. Master's Mayfly, 10st 12bs... (Mr. Master) 0

Four ran. Brilliant was entered for the race, but was scratched. Mr. Master made the pace on Mayfly, Runaway Girl being close behind, and the others tailing out in the rear. Passing the Black Rock for the second time Mayfly was put to it for all she was worth, and Runaway Girl attempted to follow, but was easily beaten. She fell out, and was accompanied by Mayfly, their places being taken by Ichibian and Remnant. The former, on the rails, won easily. Time, 2 min. 22 secs.

The NIL DESPERANDUM STAKES: a sweepstakes of \$50 each with \$250 added; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for China griffins which have run and not won a race; weight for inches as per scale. Half a mile.

Mr. Tremain's Flickamaroo, 10st 12bs... (Mr. Master) 1
Mr. Hart Buck's Silver Fox, 10st 12bs... (Mr. Willemeier) 2
Mr. C. Rademacher's Joker, 1st 10bs... (Mr. Crighton) 3
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Claimant, 10st 12bs... (Mr. Moller) 0
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Starling, 1st 10bs... (Mr. Armstrong) 0
Mr. R. G. Smithers's Portasia, 10st 9bs... (Mr. Johnston) 0
Mr. D. Macdonald's Misfit, 10st 12bs... (Mr. Clarke) 0
Mr. F. B. Marshall's Mad Mulah, 1st 10bs... (Mr. Rutherford) 0

Portasia got off well on the fall of the flag but lost the advantage before going half the distance, and Flickamaroo got home first after a scurrying race, leading by about half a length from Silver Fox, with Joker a good third. Time, 1min. 14secs.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS CURRENCY.

A correspondent writes to the *Times*:

An influential and largely signal representation by the merchants of Singapore and others is being sent to the Governor advocating fixity of exchange; and the action of Siam in closing her mints to silver practically assures the adoption of gold. From the language used in the petition it is apparent that exporters desire fixity as well as importers; but the question of the rate of conversion is one concerning which there is a distinct cleavage. It has never been seriously disputed that the trade of the colony has flourished on low silver, that the value of property has largely increased, and that the revenue shows most satisfactory progress; therefore, the exporter has no wish to see the sterling value fixed at, say, 1s. or nearly 30 per cent. above its intrinsic worth, while desiring fixity as conducive to safety and eliminating a dangerous element of speculation.

On the other hand, some importers, the storekeepers and the European dollar wage-earners, would prefer the higher rate, looking to their personal interests. Happily the principal firms do both an import and export business, and are better able to take a broad view of the interests of trade as a whole, and look at the functions of the colony as the main factor keeping in mind that Singapore has become an expensive port, the abundance of money in recent years having enormously increased the charges of handling, storing and transporting produce, so that there is the danger of trade being carried direct or diverted to other ports. Labourers and artisans are mainly comprised of Chinese who keep up the closest connection with their own country, and it would be next to impossible to reduce wages in any case. The Chinese are the backbone of the colony, and these are content to reckon their profits in silver, a currency to which they have been accustomed; nor have they shown themselves backward in locally investing the large fortunes their enterprise and insight have obtained them. The success claimed by India and Japan in their adoption of a gold standard has little bearing on this colony, which has no debts and wide trade ramifications. To many observers the fact that our coinage is practically bullion accounts for much of the prosperity which has made Singapore the great trade entrepot of the Java and China seas, and hitherto prevented the competition of the Netherlands India ports.

THE DARDANELLES.

The British protest against the passage of four Russian torpedo-boat destroyers through the Dardanelles to the Black Sea will be generally approved in this country. Under the guise of the commercial flag, the Muscovite Government have endeavoured to violate the international treaties which closed the Dardanelles to the war vessels of all countries. Such a subterfuge is unworthy of a great Power like Russia, but unfortunately it is not inconsistent with her former tactics. The fact can no longer be concealed in this country that her Asiatic methods of diplomacy can never be trusted. She rarely seems to act in a fair and straightforward manner, and she is distrusted accordingly. It is only necessary to study the history of Turkey to understand and appreciate the many wily attempts Russia has made to establish herself in the Black Sea and the Dardanelles, which would give her practical control over Turkey and a means of outlet to the Mediterranean. Fortunately she has been checkmated by the Powers, and the disintegration of the Ottoman Empire as a buffer between Russia and the rest of Europe has been prevented. The Treaties of Paris, Berlin, and London are in evidence as the means whereby that necessary object was accomplished.

The Treaty of Paris of 1841, which was confirmed by that of 1856, laid it down that no foreign ship of war should enter the Dardanelles except by Turkish permission, and even merchant vessels are only permitted to pass the Castle of Chonak-Kalesi during the day. Yet Russia had the audacity, in September last, to call upon Turkey to authorise the passage of torpedo-boat destroyers through the Dardanelles, and the Porte, giving way to the insistence of the bigger Power, ended by agreeing to it. That Turkey should have committed such a suicidal act indicates pretty clearly that Russia has some means of squeezing her into compliance with anything. But will the Powers stand by and allow Russia to insert the thin edge of the wedge in this scheming manner? If they do then the treaties are utterly valueless, and it would be a farce to attempt to frame any more in the future. The argument set up by Russia, that a disarmed vessel flying the commercial flag cannot be regarded as a warship, is absolutely childish, and is not likely to convince anyone. That Turkey should have been induced to take such a view will not justify the other Powers in doing the same. On the contrary, they should lose no time in following the example of Great Britain and registering their protest against an attempt to enter the Black Sea, which can only have one ultimate object—that of securing the ability to utilise the Sea in the future, and to practically annex Constantinople. Both Russia and Turkey have been clearly given to understand that Great Britain reserves the right to demand similar privileges for her warships if Russia is still authorised to violate the treaties. It is to be hoped that Russia will see the danger which she is incurring and withdraw in time, otherwise complications may arise which will have far-reaching consequences for her, and Great Britain and the Powers of Europe as a whole.

— *Naval and Military Record.*

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENT.

The P. & O. steamer *Nakin* left Singapore for this port on the 11th inst., at 1 p.m.

AMERICANS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The *Manila Times* reports the issue of the war at against W. B. Atterbury, ex-Official Scorer of the Manila Baseball League who was arrested here the other day. The complaint was Manager E. M. Bachrach, of the American Credit Company, and the charge was malicious fraud. Atterbury left Manila for Hongkong by the *Yuenlong*, getting off only just in time, for a launch was procured and sent into the bay the officers of the law sped, only to find that after all they had been outwitted by the fleeing fugitive. The *Yuenlong* had already cleared and was well on its way to sea. Mr. Bachrach cabled to Hongkong and Governor Taft issued extradition papers the same evening.

Apropos of this case the *Manila Times* has a strong article on the subject of "dishonouring the name of American" and the regrettable frequency with which the name of American has lately been trashed in the gutter in Manila. "It has come to such a pass," says our contemporary, "that it is almost impossible for an American other than those whose position and financial standing are beyond question to obtain credit at the various stores in the city. He is everywhere met with the statement that so many Americans have beaten their bills that as a matter of safety and business policy it has been found necessary to refuse to extend the favour of credit to any and all Americans. This is true of many American merchants and of most European merchants. In other words, we are regarded in Manila as a dishonourable and untrustworthy class, as people whose word cannot be depended upon in business and who have no sense of honour in observing a debt." Just where the cause or causes of this condition lie is not hard to discern. It is a fact, however much we may regret it, that among the American population here, as in every new field, we have a considerable element which does not do us credit. Many adventurers who had no reputation at home or if any, an evil one, have been lured here by the promise of easy and illegitimate gain; and even those who were honest and law-abiding at home suffer here from the loss of those influences which there helped to keep them straight, and with a weakened sense of honour and obligation, soon fall a prey to temptation.

ENGLAND AND GERMANY.

The *Kreuz Zeitung* devotes a long article to the examination of the cause which have rendered Germany so unpopular among the Great Powers. England and the United States, France and Russia are unanimous in their dislike. The leading Conservative journal, which has probably done more than any other German newspaper to bring about this state of affairs, puts down the dislike of Russia to the fact that Germany has grown so strong, and the dislike of France is attributed to the same cause. Strong Germany, it says, is an obstacle to their plans in Central Europe. With regard to the United States it is all owing to English machinations. The United States and Germany would be the best friends in the world were it not for England seeking to sow distrust of Germany. It is convenient for the *Kreuz Zeitung* at the present time to forget the attitude which it assumed during the Spanish-American war, when its abuse of the United States knew no bounds.

The *Kreuz Zeitung*, however, is specially interesting when it treats of estrangement between England and Germany. In the first place, according to this sapient journal, there is a certain mysterious international conspiracy with its headquarters in England and represented by a certain English magazine with branches in France, Bohemia, Russia, and the United States, whose mission it is to calumniate Germany. It is wrong to suppose that the Kaiser's famous telegram to Kruger was the cause of English enmity, never of German. All through Germany is the passive object of British hatred. Another cause is the increase of the German fleet, and yet another the increase of German trade. England's reply to the Kaiser's telegram embittered Germany; her policy of branding German merchandise was also deeply resented. Then came the South African War. 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By Order,

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Hongkong, 7th February, 1903. 462

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

MONDAY,

the 16th FEBRUARY, 1903, at 3 P.M., at "ORPURA, the Residence of Staff-Surgeon CANTON, R.N."

A QUANTITY OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE (Full particulars from Catalogue). On view from Saturday, the 14th inst.

TERMS:—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1903. 506

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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WEDNESDAY,

the 18th inst., at 3 P.M., near the Fountain, opposite the City Hall.

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Particulars as per Catalogues, which will be issued the morning of the Sale.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1903. 483

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY known as No. 50, Elgin Street, Victoria, Hongkong, to be sold by order of the Mortgagors in One Lot.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1903, at 3 P.M., at his Auction Rooms, Duddell Street, by Mr. GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

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Hongkong, 16th November, 1872. 25

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Hongkong, 1st July, 1902. 1796

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Hongkong, 17th August, 1887. 128

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Hongkong, 22nd July, 1902. 142

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Hongkong, 31st October, 1902. 265

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DENTAL SURGEON, No. 39, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Office Hours—9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1902. 334

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

DEVELOPMENT OF COLOUR SENSE—ACETYLENE

BLACK—INCAL DESCENT LAMP PYROMETRY

& A TRAVELLING LAKE—VELOCITY OF LIGHT

—MARINE-ENGINE IMPROVEMENT—AN UN-
SOLVED PROBLEM STILL—A PERFECT VA-

CUUM—FILLING BONES.

Our senses, it appears, have developed through

gradual evolution. Natives of remote Pacific

islands are still unable to distinguish between

blue and black; and Dr. F. W. Edridge Green,

whose investigations have covered many years,

conclude, that the colour sense—which is distinct

from the mere perception of light and shade—is

in one of man's recent acquisitions. Primitive

man could not distinguish colours at all. Red

and violet, the colours of greatest difference in

wave-length, were learned first, all others

appearing gray; then green was detected in the

gray field, followed by yellow, and finally by

blue and orange. In a form of trichromic colour

blindness that now exists, only three colours—

such as red, green and violet—are distinguished,

yellow being mentioned as red-green.

By the Hubour process, black pigment is

made by pumping acetylene into steel cylin-

ders to a pressure of about two atmospheres,

and then passing an electric spark through

the vessels, the gas being thus dissociated into

its carbon and hydrogen. The hydrogen is

collected for any convenient use; the carbon

is ready for any convenient use. Acetylene black is

free from the oily impurities of ordinary lamp-

black, and the demand is already so great that

the first factory—now rising in Switzerland—is

likely to be followed by others in other

countries.

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with the electric incandescent lamp. The lamp,

in line with the furnace backings or other hot

object, is viewed through a small telescope,

when the filament disappears on reaching the

temperature of the background. An ammeter

shows the amount of current feeding the lamp,

while a special scale indicates very accurately

the corresponding temperature up to 3,800

deg. F.

The chief cause of the hostility of different

colonies of ants is found to be difference of

odour and of age.

One of the strange features of Central Asia,

as shown by Dr. Seiden Hedin, is the travelling

of the ancient lake of Lop-nor, which seems to

form an oscillating pendulum of the Karak river,

and to pass north and south across the

desert in a period of 1,000 years or more. The

old bed is now dry. The lake of Kara-koshun,

however, is gradually

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1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master.
2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier.

3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard.
4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & BIG	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	COROMANDEL	Brit. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-morrow, at Noon.
LONDON	PROMETHEUS	Brit. str.	—	W. Hayward	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 17th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CEYLON	Brit. str.	—	T. Darker, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 18th inst., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA GENOA	GENOYLE	Brit. str.	—		McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 25th inst.
LONDON VIA GENOA	DIOMED	Brit. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 3rd March.
LONDON	MACHAON	Brit. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 17th March.
LONDON	GLAUCUS	Brit. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 21st March.
LONDON	PINGUIN	Brit. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 14th April.
LONDON	DARDANUS	Brit. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 21st inst.
LONDON	KINTUCK	Brit. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 20th March.
LONDON	SANUKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	W. Townsend	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 21st inst., at Daylight.
LONDON	OCEANIAN	Fren. str.	—	Guigues	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 23rd inst., at 1 P.M.
LIVERPOOL	PYRHUS	Fren. str.	—	P. Grossch	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 28th inst.
MARSHALLLES, LONDON & ANTWERP V. S'PORE, &c.	SCUTTIGART	Ger. str.	2 m.	v. Bizer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 18th inst.
MARSHALLLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	WURZBURG	Ger. str.	—	Fuchs	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 26th inst.
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	C. FERD. LAEISZ	Ger. str.	—	Kirchner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 10th March.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	BAMBERG	Ger. str.	—	von Doehren	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 24th March.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	—	Mayer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 7th April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	KONIGSBERG	Ger. str.	—	Schmidt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 21st April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SAMIA	Rus. str.	—	Pernitz	MELCHERS & CO.	On or about 24th inst.
KOREA	AUSTRIA	Aus. str.	—	Colledan	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 17th inst., P.M.
AUSTRIA	SHIRATAKE	Brit. str.	—	D. Morris	SHEWAN, TOME & CO.	On 19th inst.
SHIMOSA	ARAB	Dan. str.	—		DODWELL & CO., LTD.	About 28th inst.
GOW	TAITAN	Brit. str.	2 m.		ARNHOLD, KARBET & CO.	On 17th inst., at Noon.
EMPEROR OF JAPAN	ACHILLES	Brit. str.	—		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 25th inst.
EMPEROR OF JAPAN	TISSAN	Jap. str.	—		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 11th March, at Noon.
EMPEROR OF JAPAN	KARUGA MARU	Jap. str.	—	C. H. Boller	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 21st inst.
EMPEROR OF JAPAN	CHANGCHOW	Jap. str.	—	W. M. Smith	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	On 24th inst., at 4 P.M.
EMPEROR OF JAPAN	MUNION	Aus. str.	—	H. Fraser	PORTLAND & ASIA'S S. CO.	On 25th inst.
EMPEROR OF JAPAN	CANDIA	Brit. str.	—	McArthur	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 25th inst.
EMPEROR OF JAPAN	BOMBAY MARU	Jap. str.	—	Klausberger	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 27th inst., at 4 P.M.
EMPEROR OF JAPAN	PEBLA	Brit. str.	—	E. G. Andrews	P. & O. S. N. CO.	On 5th March, at Noon.
EMPEROR OF JAPAN	INABA MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Murai	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day.
EMPEROR OF JAPAN	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	J. McGinty	GIBR. LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 17th inst., P.M.
EMPEROR OF JAPAN	NANCHANG	Brit. str.	—	W. Baubard	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On or about 22nd inst.
EMPEROR OF JAPAN	WOOSONG	Brit. str.	—	E. W. Haswell	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 24th inst., at Noon.
SHANGHAI	WOOSONG	Brit. str.	—	A. L. Valentini	P. & O. S. N. CO.	To-morrow.
SHANGHAI	BENGAL	Brit. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	About 14th inst.
SHANGHAI	PAOTING	Jap. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 16th inst.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	DAIJIN MARU	Jap. str.	—		OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 15th inst.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	MAIDUO MARU	Jap. str.	—		OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 18th inst.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOGHOU	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.		DOUGLAS LAPHAM & CO.	To-day, at 10 A.M.
CEBU & ILAOLO	KAIPONG	Brit. str.	—	R. W. Almond	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	To-morrow.
MANILA DIRECT	RUBI	Brit. str.	—	Weigall	SHEWAN, TOME & CO.	To-day, at Noon.
MANILA	LOONGSAM	Brit. str.	—	E. P. islop	JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.	To-morrow, at Noon.
MANILA	ROHILLA MARU	Jap. str.	—		TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 16th inst.
MANILA DIRECT	TSINAL	Brit. str.	—	R. Rodger	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 20th inst., at Noon.
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To ascertain the anchorage of any vessel, the harbour has been divided into Four Sections, commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked 1, nearest Hongkong 2, midway between Hongkong and Kowloon 3, and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf 4, together with the number denoting the section.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master.

2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier.

3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard.

4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

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FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON.
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OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MACHAON"	On 13th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"NESTOR"	On 16th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ACHILLES"	On 19th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KINTUCK"	On 25th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"GLAUCUS"	On 6th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PINGSUEY"	On 11th March.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON	"PROMETHEUS"	On 17th February.
LONDON VIA GENOA	"DIOMED"	On 3rd March.
LONDON	"MACHAON"	On 17th March.
LONDON	"GLAUCUS"	On 31st March.
LONDON	"PINGSUEY"	On 14th April.

LIVERPOOL BERTH.

LIVERPOOL	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
(Taking cargo at London rates.)	"DARDANUS"	On 21st February.
LIVERPOOL	"KINTUCK"	On 26th March.

CONTINENTAL BERTH.

MARSEILLES and ANTWERP	"PYRRHUS"	TO SAIL
		On 28th February.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMER	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST POINTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	"ACHILLES"	On 21st February.
The S.S. "MACHAON" left Singapore on the 7th inst. and is expected here on the 13th inst.		
For Freight, apply to		
	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.	[10-12]

Hongkong, 11th February, 1903.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
YOKOHAMA	"CHANGCHOW"	On 13th February.
SHANGHAI	"KWANGSE"	On 13th February.
SHANGHAI	"WOOSONG"	On 14th February.
CEBU and ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	On 14th February.
MANILA	"TSINAN"	On 16th February.
SHANGHAI	"PAOTING"	On 16th February.

PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY
ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS,
TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, * * \$ "TSINAN",
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE

TIENTSIN "NANCHANG" On 26th February.

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+ Taking cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

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Hongkong, 13th February, 1903.

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG via MOJI, KOBE PORTLAND, OREGON

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

STEAMSHIP TONS. CAPTAIN TO SAIL ON

"INDRAPURA" 4,890 A. E. Hollingsworth February 25, 1903

"INDRASAMHA" 5,197 R. P. Craven March 16, 1903

"INDRAVELLI" 4,890 W. E. Craven April 16, 1903

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Points. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

ALLAN CAMERON, GENERAL AGENT.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1903.

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PERLA 1,980 J. McGinty

DIAMANTE 1,980 A. H. Notley

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Hongkong, 10th February, 1903.

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Steamship Captain Tons Sailing Date.

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ROSETTA MARU N. Toto 3,876 Thursday, 19th February, at Noon.

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OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.
FOR STEAMERS LEAVING
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW { "DAIJIN MARU" SUNDAY, 15th
AND AMOY { T. OGATA January
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW { "DAIGI MARU" SUNDAY, 22nd
AND AMOY { T. W. GROVES February.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW { "MAIDZURU MARU" WEDNESDAY, 18th
AND AMOY { T. SAITO February.

The Co.'s new Steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa, and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for first-class passengers, and a duly qualified doctor is carried.

All Steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mails, subject to periodical inspection by the Government Marine Surveyors, and are registered the highest class at Lloyd's.

Steamers will go alongside the Co.'s Pontoon at the Customs' water-front premises at Tamsui to land all passengers and cargo.

By the Co.'s steamers for Shanghai, through Bills of Lading are issued for cargo to Yangtze River Ports, as well as for North China Ports, in connection with the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamers from Shanghai.

For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply to Company's local Branch Office at No. 2, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, 10th February, 1903.

T. ARIMA, Manager. [15]

M. S. DOLLAR STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE Company's Steamship.

"ARAB."

Captain Gow will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 17th inst., at Noon.

This Steamer has superior accommodation for First Class Passengers, and is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ARNOLD, KARBERG & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1903. [504]

AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship.

"GIBRALTAE."

Captain D. Morris, will be despatched for the above ports on TUESDAY, the 19th inst.

For Freight apply to SHEWAN, TOME'S & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1903. [479]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES PAQUEBOTS—POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS.

LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX.

ALSO PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON MONDAY, the 23rd February, 1903, at 1 P.M., the Company's Steamship "OCEANIEN," Captain Guigues, with Mails, Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES, via BOMBAY.

This Steamer connects at COLOMBO with the s.s. "Australia," which vessel takes on her Passengers and Mails, leaving that port on the 7th March, direct to Suez, Port Said and Marseilles.

